UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

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U.S. Bankruptcy Court District of New Jersey

In Re:

Joseph A. Coliskey,

Debtor.

Case No.: 16-18777

Chapter: 13

Judge: Michael B. Kaplan

ORDER DENYING MOTION TO DETERMINE MORTGAGE FEES AND EXPENSES

The relief set forth on the following pages is **ORDERED**.

DATED: March 20, 2025

Honorable Michael B. Kaplan United States Bankruptcy Judge Case 16-18777-MBK Doc 71 Filed 03/22/25 Entered 03/23/25 00:16:58 Desc Imaged Certificate of Notice Page 2 of 5

Debtors: Joseph A. Coliskey Case No. 16-18777 (MBK)

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This matter comes before the Court on a Motion to Determine Mortgage Fees and Expenses ("Motion", ECF No. 63) filed by debtor, Joseph A. Coliskey ("Debtor"), in the above-captioned proceeding, seeking that the case be reopened and requesting an explanation regarding secured creditor, Legacy Mortgage Asset Trust 2021-Gs1's ("Legacy Mortgage"), claim of an escrow shortage in the Debtor's mortgage account. Legacy Mortgage opposes the Motion (ECF No. 65 and 68). The Court has read all the submissions.

Debtor asserts that there is no shortage in his mortgage account. In response, Legacy Mortgage asserts that loan servicer, Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. ("SPS"), performed a review and analysis of Debtor's escrow account on January 12, 2024, and determined that there was no escrow shortage, but rather, an escrow overage. After determining that certain escrow payments received were not fully reflected in the escrow balance, an adjustment was made to Debtor's escrow account, the escrow overage was confirmed, and an escrow refund was issued to Debtor. Therefore, Legacy Mortgage submits, the Debtor has been made whole, the Motion is now moot and should be denied.

For the reasons set forth hereinafter, Debtor's Motion to Determine Mortgage Fees and Expenses is Denied.

The Court lacks jurisdiction to hear the Debtor's Motion to Determine Mortgage Fees, ECF No. 63. Once "a bankruptcy case is closed, the bankruptcy court loses jurisdiction to resolve issues arising between parties to the bankruptcy." *Matter of Mattera*, 203 B.R. 565, 568 (Bankr. D.N.J. 1997). "[E]fforts to invoke bankruptcy jurisdiction after a case is closed . . . must be viewed . . . as improperly extending bankruptcy jurisdiction beyond its intended scope." *In re Ford*, 188 B.R. 523, 525 (Bankr. E.D. Pa. 1995). *See also Walnut Assocs. v. Saidel*, 164 B.R. 487, 491 (E.D. Pa. 1994) ("where a bankruptcy case is closed and the estate no longer exists, and where plaintiff does

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not seek to have the bankruptcy case opened for cause pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 350(b) and Bankruptcy Rule 5010, the court is without jurisdiction to entertain any proceedings"). In the case

before the Court, the Chapter 13 Trustee filed a Final Report on August 24, 2021, and the Court

closed the bankruptcy case on September 28, 2021. See ECF Nos. 54 and 60. Although a case may

be reopened to administer assets, to accord relief to the debtor, or for other cause pursuant to 11

U.S.C. § 350; in the case at hand, the Debtor has not filed a motion to reopen the bankruptcy case.

Nor does any cause exist, as the Chapter 13 Trustee has filed his Final Report and the bankruptcy

estate has been fully administered. Furthermore, the secured creditor has filed opposition to the

Motion asserting that an escrow refund was issued to the Debtor, and it appears as though the relief

requested by the Debtor—as written in the proposed order submitted with the Motion—has been

granted. Based on the foregoing, this case is now closed and the Court lacks jurisdiction with which

to hear the Debtor's motion.

For the foregoing reasons, and for good cause,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Debtor's Motion to Determine Mortgage Fees and Expenses (ECF No. 63) is DENIED.

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In re: Case No. 16-18777-MBK

Joseph A. Coliskey Chapter 13

Debtor

CERTIFICATE OF NOTICE

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I, Gustava Winters, declare under the penalty of perjury that I have sent the attached document to the above listed entities in the manner shown, and prepared the Certificate of Notice and that it is true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

Meeting of Creditor Notices only (Official Form 309): Pursuant to Fed .R. Bank. P.2002(a)(1), a notice containing the complete Social Security Number (SSN) of the debtor(s) was furnished to all parties listed. This official court copy contains the redacted SSN as required by the bankruptcy rules and the Judiciary's privacy policies.

Date: Mar 22, 2025 Signature: /s/Gustava Winters

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